

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: LIBERIAN FLAG "WORLD KINGDOM" MIGHT PROCEED TO SINGAPORE

WITH

BOAT REGUEES

1. WE WERE INFORMED THAT HONG KONG AGENT FOR LIBERIAN FLAG VESSEL "WORLD KINGDOM" HAD REPORT AUGUST 31 FROM VESSEL THAT IT ENCOUNTERED BOAT IN SOUTH CHINA SEA WITH DEAD AND SICK REGUEES. ACCORDING TO AGENT, BOAT HAD BEEN AT SEA 30 DAYS, MOTOR WAS BROKEN, AND 20 REFUGEES HAD DIED. SOME 54 WERE STILL ALIVE, BUT MANY NEED MEDICAK ATTENTION.

2. UNHCR REP CARPENTER TOLD HONG KONG AGENT THAT "WORLD KINGDOM" SHOULD PICK UP THESE REFUGEES AND PROCEED TO SINGAPORE, WHICH IS NEXT SCHEDULED PORT OF CALL WHERE SHIP WILL ENTER DRY DOCK. AGENT HAD ASKED CARPENTER IF VESSEL PICKED UP REFUGEES (CAPTAIN HAD NOT YET MADE DECISION), COULD IT PROCEED TO HONG KONG. CARPENTER TOLD HIM THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO LAND THESE REFUGEES SINCE IT IS NOT SCHEDULED PORT OF CALL, BUT IF VESSEL WOULD PROCEED TO SINGAPORE

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UNHCR WOULD MAKE EVER EFFORT TO ASSIST REFUGEES IN BEING LANDED. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT IT MIGHT TAKE TIME.

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